DESIGN OF A HYBRID ACTIVE FILTER WITH VARIABLE CONDUCTANCE FOR HARMONIC RESONANCE SUPPRESSION

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ABSTRACT— In this paper the designing of hybrid active filter for suppression of harmonic resonance with variable conductance in industrial power systems was explained by using fuzzy logic controller. Harmonic voltage amplification, due to unintentional series or parallel resonance of power factor correction capacitors, is a significant issue in the industrial power system. Here we are using fuzzy logic controller instead of using other controllers. This paper proposes a hybrid active filter to suppress the harmonic resonance in industrial facilities. The hybrid active filter, which is composed of a capacitor and an active filter in series connection, operates as variable harmonic conductance with dynamically tuning characteristic according to the voltage total harmonic distortion, so the damping performance of the active filter can be adjusted in response to load change and power system variation. Therefore, the harmonic resonance would be avoided as well as harmonic voltage distortion can be maintained at an allowable level. Compared with the pure shunt active filter, the dc bus voltage of the proposed hybrid filter is dramatically reduced since the grid voltage is supported by the series capacitor. This feature provides a vital advantage of the active filter, in terms of both the kVA rating and the switching ripples. Operation principles are explained in detail, and computer simulations validate the effectiveness of the proposed approach. The simulation was done by using MATLAB/Simulink software.

Index Terms— Harmonic resonance, hybrid active filter, industrial power system., fuzzy logic controller.

I. INTRODUCTION

Compared with active front-end converters, diode or thyristor rectifiers still dominate in high-power applications, such as adjustable speed drives, uninterruptible power supply systems, and electrolysis. This equipment always injects a large amount of harmonic current into the power system, which may cause excessive harmonic voltage distortion and even give rise to malfunction of sensitive equipment in the vicinity of the harmonic source. Multiple tuned passive filters are usually installed at the secondary side of the distribution transformer in the industrial facilities to draw

dominant harmonic current and provide power factor correction for inductive loads as well [1], [2]. However, unintentional series and/or parallel resonance, due to the passive filters and nonlinear loads and/or the utility, may result in excessive harmonic voltage amplification [3], [4]. Extra engineering work, therefore, must be consumed to calibrate and maintain required filtering performances. Conventional active filters intended for compensating the harmonic current of nonlinear loads cannot address the harmonic resonance issues resulting from the passive filter or the power factor correction capacitor [5].

This paper proposes a hybrid active filter to suppress the harmonic resonance in industrial facilities as well as mitigate harmonic current flowing into the utility. The proposed hybrid active filter is composed of an active filter and a power factor correction capacitor in series connection. The active filter operates as variable damping conductance at harmonic frequencies. The harmonic conductance is determined according to the voltage total harmonic distortion (THD) at the installation location of the hybrid active filter. Based on this control, the damping performance of the active filter can be dynamically adjusted to maintain harmonic voltage distortion at an allowable level in response to load change and power system variation, where the allowable voltage THD can be regulated according to the harmonic voltage limit in IEEE std. 519-1992 [10]. Since the series capacitor is responsible for sustaining the fundamental component of the grid voltage, the active filter can be operated with a very low dc bus voltage, compared with the pure shunt active filter [11]. This feature is a significant advantage, in terms of both the rated kVA capacity and the switching ripples of the active filter.

Several hybrid APF (HAPF) topologies [2-11, [15-17] constitute active and passive parts in series and/or parallel have been proposed for reactive power and harmonic current filtering in [3-11]. The most common topologies are shunt HAPF

(SHAPF) [3-10] consisting of an APF and passive filter connected in series with each other and series HAPF [11] which is a combined system of shunt passive filter and series APF. An extensive overview of the topological structures is explained in [2]. The controller design is a significant and challenging task due to its impact on the performance and stability of overall system. For this reason, numerous control methods such as pq theory [3-5], fast Fourier transform [5], dq theory [6-7], fuzzy controller [8-9], proportional resonant current controller [10] are controller methods applied in literature.

The growing amount of electric energy generated from distributed or decentralized energy resources (DER), mainly of renewable, requires their appropriate grid integration. Thus, the renewable energy source interfacing with grid is the major issue in the electric utility side. Different types of converter topology in grid interconnection have been improved by researchers to develop power quality and efficiency of the electrical system [12-13]. This paper focuses the shunt hybrid active filter interfaces for the renewable energy source with proposed controller. On account of the limitations between existing literatures, the purpose of this paper is the following:

- To provide interconnection between renewable source and grid by using shunt hybrid active power filter (SHAPF) with unidirectional isolated DC-DC converter at dc link.
- To introduce a new control strategy for reactive power compensation and harmonics elimination.
- To adaptively controlled dc link voltage as reactive current component.
- To achieve reactive power compensation this is nearly equal to 99% of load reactive power capacity.

This paper primarily focuses on the aforesaid four aspects of the shunt hybrid active power filter.

II. OPERATION PRINCIPLE AND CONTROLLER

A simplified one-line diagram of the proposed hybrid active filter and the associated control are shown in Fig. 1(a). The hybrid active filter unit (HAFU) is composed of an active filtering part and a power factor correction capacitor C in

series connection at the secondary side of the distribution transformer in industrial facilities.

The harmonic current control, reactive current control and dc link control are achieved by indirect current control. With this control method, any extra start up pre-charging control process is not necessary for dc link. In addition, reactive power compensation is achieved successfully with perceptible amount. Besides, the harmonic compensation performance is satisfactory.
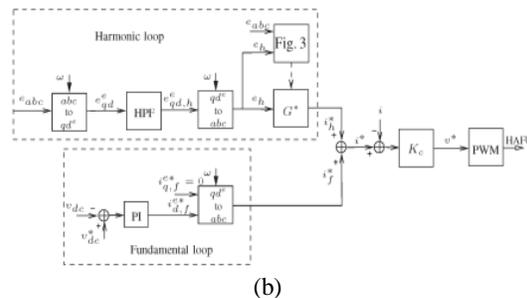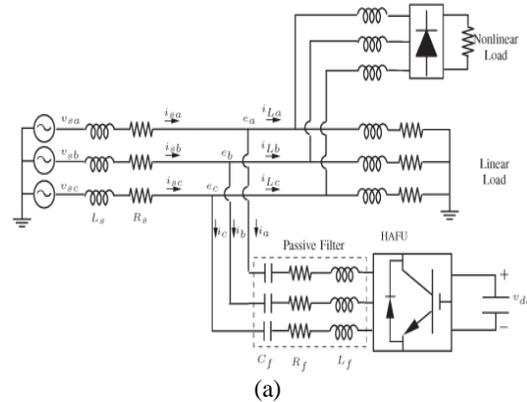

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Fig. 1. Proposed HAFU in the industrial power system and its associated control. (a) Circuit diagram of the HAFU. (b) Control block diagram of the HAFU.

A. Harmonic Loop

To suppress harmonic resonances, the HAFU is proposed to operate as variable conductance at harmonic frequencies as follows

$$i_h^* = G^* . e_h \qquad (1)$$

Harmonic voltage component eh is obtained by using the so-called SRF transformation [9], where a phase-locked loop (PLL) is realized to determine the fundamental frequency of the power system [28]. In the SRF, the fundamental component becomes a dc value, and other harmonic components are still ac values.

B. Fundamental Loop

The first step is to isolate the harmonic components from the fundamental component of the grid currents. This is achieved through dq transformation (1), synchronized with the PCC voltage vector, and a first order low pass filter with cut off frequency of 10 Hz. Then the dq inverse transformation (2) produces the harmonic reference currents in abc referential frame.

Therefore, the control of dc bus voltage is able to be accomplished by exchanging real power with the grid. Thus, the current command ie∗ d, f is obtained by a fuzzy logic controller. The fundamental current command i∗f in the three-phase system is generated after applying the inverse SRF transformation.

$$v_{dc} > 2\sqrt{2} \sum_{h} \left| \frac{1}{j\omega_h C_f} + j\omega_h L_f \right| . I_h \qquad (2)$$

C. Current Regulator

The current command i∗ is consisted of i∗h and i∗f. Based on the current command i∗ and the measured current i, the voltage command v∗ can be derived by using a proportional controller as follows:

$$v^* = K_c . (i^* - i) \qquad (3)$$

Where, Kc is a proportional gain. According to the voltage command v∗, space-vector pulse width modulation (PWM) is employed to synthesize the required output voltage of the inverter. Fig. 2 shows the model of the current control. The computational delay of digital signal processing is equal to one sampling delay T, and PWM delay approximates to half sampling delay T/2.
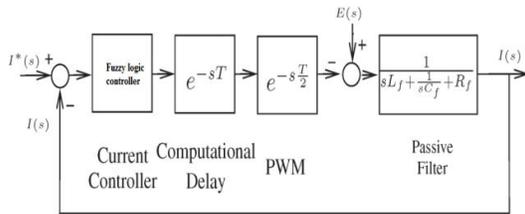

Fig. 2. Closed-loop model of the current control.

D. Conductance Control

Fig. 3shows the proposed conductance controls. The harmonic conductance command G∗ is determined according to the voltage THD at the HAFU installation point. The voltage THD is

approximately calculated by the control shown in Fig. 3. Here, two low-pass filters (LPFs) with cutoff frequency f_{LP}=20Hz are realized to filter out ripple components [29], [30]. The error between the allowable THD∗ and the measured THD is then fed into a Fuzzy logic controller to obtain the harmonic conductance command G∗. The allowable distortion could be referred to the harmonic limit in IEEE std. 519-1992 [31].
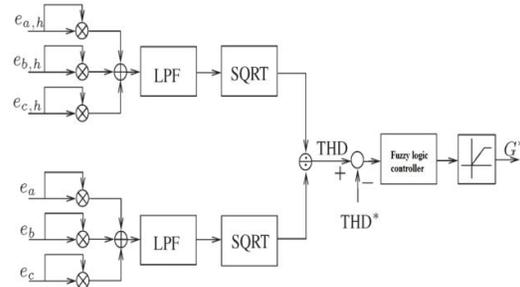

Fig. 3. Conductance control block diagram.

According to IEEE std. 519-1992 [31], voltage THD is limited to 5%, and individual distortion should be below 4%. Thus, THD∗ is set in the range of 3% and 5%. If vs,h and Rs are neglected, voltage THD at E, due to harmonic current load Ih, can be expressed as follows:

$$THD = X_{pu} \sqrt{\sum_{h} \left(h . I_{h,pu} \right)^2} \qquad (4)$$

The final reference current consists of three phase harmonic reference current signals, three phase reactive reference current signals and dc link control signals.

IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

Simulation studies are carried out using MATLAB/Simulink. The main purpose of the simulation is to evaluate the effectiveness and correctness of the control strategy used in the SHAPF with variations of linear loads. Parameters used in simulations are given in Table I. In simulation, the nominal frequency of the power grid is 50 Hz and the harmonic current source is generated by the three phase diode rectifier.

A power stage setup was built and tested as shown in Fig. 8. Table I gives experimental parameters based on the per unit system in Table II.

TABLE I: SIMULATION PARAMETERS

Power system	220 V(L-L), 60 Hz, VD$_5$=0.7%, VD$_7$=0.5%
Transformer	220/127 V, 10 kVA, impedance 5%
Resistive load	2kW(20 %)
Nonlinear load	NL$_1$=1.8kW(18 %), NL$_2$=2.8kW(28 %)
Passive filter	$L_f = 1.0\,\text{mH}(7.8\,\%)$, $C_f = 150\,\mu F(27\,\%)$ $Q_f = 20$
Switching frequency	10 kHz
Sampling frequency	20 kHz
Current control	k_c=5 V/A
DC voltage control	k_p=1 A/V , k_i=100 A/(V · s), v_{dc}^*=50V
Tuning control	k_p=1 A/V , k_i=500 A/(V · s), THD*=2.0% f_{HP}=10 Hz, f_{LP}=20 Hz

TABLE II: BASE VALUE

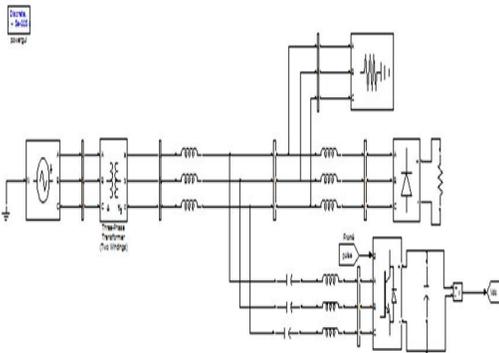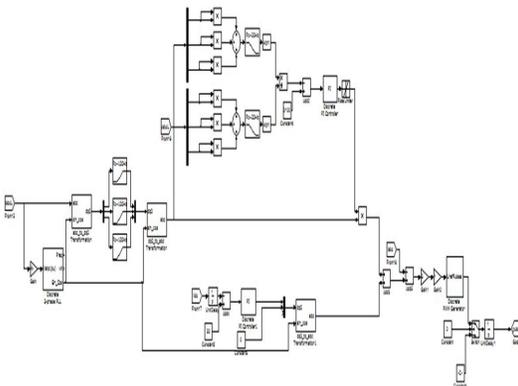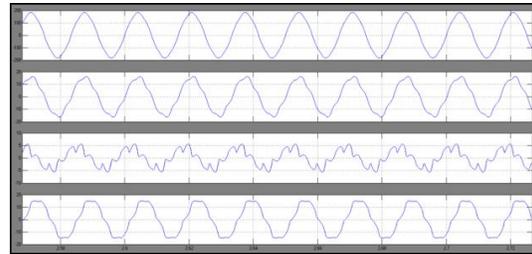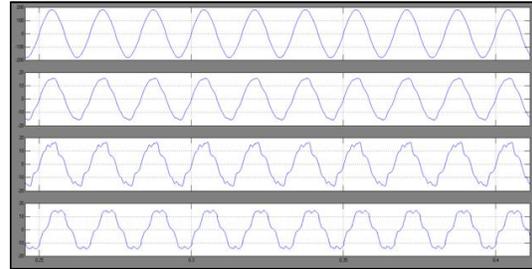| Voltage	220 V
kVA	10 kVA
Impedance	$4.84\,\Omega$
Conductance	$0.207\,\Omega^{-1}$

Fig.6. Matlab model for proposed system
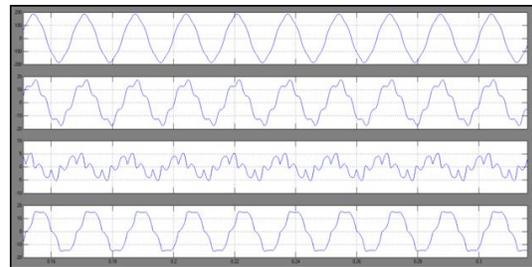

Fig.7. Matlab model for Control diagram

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Fig. 8. Line voltage e, source current is, load current iL, and filter current iin the case of NL1initiated. X-axis: 5 ms/div. (a) HAFU is off. (b) HAFU is on.

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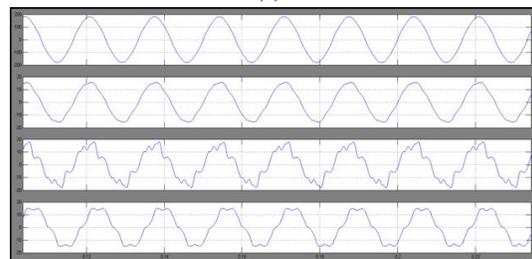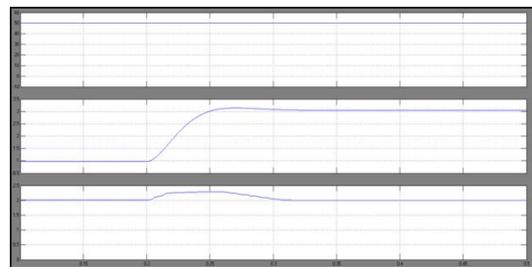

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Fig.9. Line voltage e, source current is, load current iL, and filter current I in the case of NL2initiated. X-axis: 5 ms/div. (a) HAFU is off. (b) HAFU is on.
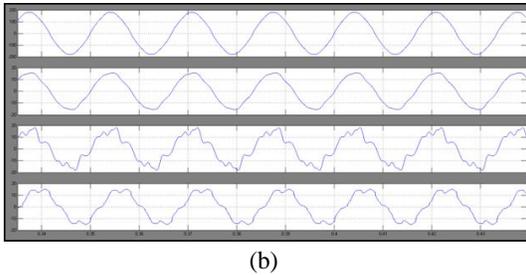

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Fig. 10. Transient response when the nonlinear load is increased at T. (a) Waveforms of vdc, Voltage THD,G∗.X-axis: 100 ms/div; Y-axis: vdc (V),G∗ (1.21 p.u./div), and THD (1.25%/div). (b) Current waveforms.
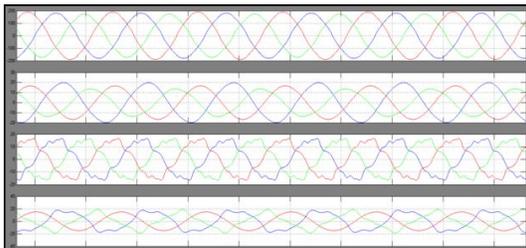

Fig. 11. HAFU is off for single-phase nonlinear load. (a) Terminal voltage. (b) Source current. (c) Filter current. (d) Load current.
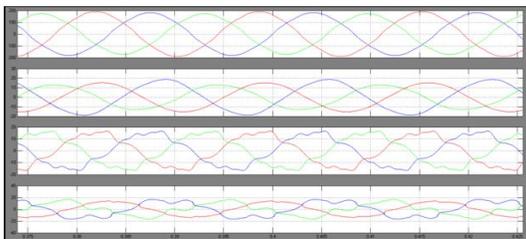

Fig. 12. HAFU is on for single-phase nonlinear load. (a) Terminal voltage. (b) Source current. (c) Filter current. (d) Load current.

V. CONCLUSION

This paper presents a hybrid active filter to suppress the harmonic resonance in industrial facilities with the usage of fuzzy logic controller. The proposed hybrid filter, which is composed of an active filter and a power factor correction capacitor in series connection at the secondary side of the distribution transformer, operates as variable harmonic conductance with dynamically tuning feature in response to load change and the parameter variation of the power system. Therefore, the harmonic resonance would be avoided and harmonic voltage distortion can be reduced and maintained at an allowable level. Since the series capacitor sustains the fundamental component of the grid

voltage, the active filter can be operated with a reduced kVA capacity, compared with its counterpart of the pure shunt active filter, which is the significant advantage of the proposed method. Besides, the harmonic compensation performance is satisfactory. In a conclusion, the SHAPF injects RES active power into grid and also enhanced the quality of power at PCC. Simulation results of the three-phase three-wire SHAPF in dynamic reactive power compensation.

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